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SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN : Is it a fact, Sir, that women lure away young men to beggary on the promise of a easy romantic life? (Laughter.)

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : On this question the hon. Member will have better information than the Government. (Laughter.)

Visit of Sri Datar to slums in the City

* 2487 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state how many slums in the City were visited by the Union Deputy Minister, Mr. Datar, on 24th May 1955?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY : Five, Sir.

Improvements to Buckingham Canal and Cooum River

* 2490 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government recommended the inclusion of any scheme for the improvement of Buckingham Canal and Cooum River in the Second Five-Year Plan; and

(*b*) if so, the estimated cost thereof ?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) Rs. 45 lakhs.

* 2491 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISWAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal to connect the Buckingham Canal with the Madras Harbour from some point on the Cooum River under the Second Five-Year Plan; and

(*b*) the cost of the Scheme?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) Roughly the scheme is estimated to cost about Rs. 25 lakhs.

SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : இதற்கு மத்திய சர்க்காரிடமிருந்து ஏதாவது உதவி கிடைக்குமா ? "

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI : I have received information just now. The working group of the Planning Commission recently considered the schemes in relation to waterways to be included in the Second Five-Year Plan.

SRI S. DAIVASIGAMONEY : Does not Hon. Minister know that the Cooum River is emitting very foul smell near the Fort point?